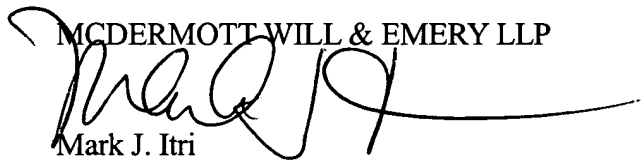


Remarks

Claims 1, 7, 8, 11-13, 15-20, 29, 30 and 38-43 are in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter noted in canceled Claim 14 and Claims 2, 4-9 and 11-32 have been canceled without prejudice. New Claims 38-43 have been added. Applicant requests that the amendments to the claims and the specification which were submitted in the Amendment After Final Rejection, dated March 29, 2004, be entered. Based on the amendments to the claims and the specification as submitted in the March 29, 2004 Amendment After Final Rejection and in the present Preliminary Amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of canceled Claim 14 and has canceled all rejected claims, namely Claims 2, 4-6, 9, 21-28, 31 and 32. In view of the amendments to Claim 1 and the cancellation of rejected claims, no additional issues remain to prevent allowance of the application. Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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